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At Milwaukee, May 8-17

New Bylaws Provide Wide Representation

Under the revised National Bylaws, approved at the Milwaukee Convention, and which are effective at the close of the 1937 Convention, an attempt is made to provide a more democratic representation on the Executive Committee of the Congress and to further a more uniform and economical service by National Officers. Under the new plan, the number of national vicepresidents is increased to ten, eight of which are to be selected on the basis of geographical location; their duties are to be determined by the Executive Committee. In addition to the eight vicepresidents, chosen from designated regions, there will be two vicepresidents elected from the country at large to serve as aides to the National President.

Regional groupings of states are as follows:

Region 1—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware.

Region 2—Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky.

Region 3—South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee.

Region 4—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa.

Region 5—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri.

Region 6—Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma.

Region 7—Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii.

Region 8—Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming.

Mrs. Frederick M. Hosmer, Auburn, New York, who was elected at the Milwaukee Convention to succeed Mrs. Hugh Bradford as President of the National Parent-Teacher Magazine Child Welfare Company.

Officers are to be elected in three groups as follows:

Group 1—President, Secretary, Treasurer, and First and Third Vicepresidents (elected in 1937 for a three-year term).

Group 2—Second, Fourth, Sixth, and Eighth Vicepresidents (elected in 1937 for a two-year term; in 1939 for a three-year term).

Group 3—Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Vicepresidents (elected in 1937 for a one-year term; in 1938 for a three-year term).

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Broadcasting Conference

The National Congress accepted the invitation of the American Council on Education to serve on the sponsoring committee which is planning a nationwide Conference on Educational Broadcasting in Washington, D. C., December 10 to 12, 1936. The Conference will be held in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education, the Federal Communications Commission, and a group of organizations representing every important phase of American education.

Fortieth Anniversary

Plans for an elaborate celebration in 1937 of the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the National Congress were approved by the Board and Executive Committee. The plans include special observances in each state, at state, district, council, and local meetings, as well as at the National Convention in Richmond.

September Board Meeting

From invitations for the September meeting of the National Board of Managers submitted by the state presidents for Providence, R. I., Atlantic City, Charleston, Hot Springs, Ark., Chicago, Denver, Omaha, Washington, D. C., and Atlanta, the Executive Committee chose Chicago as being more accessible to most of the members of the Board. September 17-20, inclusive.

Cooperating Agencies

A list of agencies working in allied fields to that of the National Congress is being prepared by the Committee on Cooperative Relationships, for distribution by the National Office.

ACTION AT MILWAUKEE CONVENTION

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Two significant changes were made in the wording of the Objects: (1) The word "social" was substituted for "moral" education, and the word "youth" was added, making the Objects read, "To promote the welfare of children and *youth* . . ." and to . . . "secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, *social* and spiritual education."

Legislation: *Federal Food and Drug Bill — Motion Pictures*

In a telegram to President Roosevelt, the Convention stated that passage by the present (74th) U. S. Congress of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Bill, *including multiple seizure provisions, control of advertising by Food and Drug Administration, and other strengthening amendments,* and also passage of legislation to abolish compulsory block-booking and blind-selling of motion pictures would "cause deep gratification and rejoicing to our far-flung membership." Telegrams of re-affirmation of these measures were sent to members of the various committees in the Senate and House who had been interested in furthering their passage. The Congress rescinded action previously taken which conflicted with the provisions of the Neely-Pettengill Bill and went on record as favoring decentralized, democratic control of motion pictures. (The action rescinded referred to the indorsement of a Federal Commission to supervise the production and distribution of motion pictures.)

New Publications

International Relations — Study outlines on international goodwill, economic conditions, and education for world peace are to be prepared by the International Relations Committee during the coming year.

Parent Education — A study pamphlet on Parent Education Study Groups is being prepared by Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, to be published this summer.

Our Homes — A book on *Our Homes,* edited by Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, a companion volume to *Our Public Schools,* will be published this summer.

Nominating Committee for National Officers

A nominating committee for National Officers to be elected at the 1937 Convention was elected by ballot of the National Board as follows: Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, Mrs. William Kletzer, Mrs. Charles D. Center, Mrs. Chris Hirning.

Nominating Committee for National Chairmen

A nominating committee for National Chairmen to be elected in 1937 was elected by ballot by the Board as follows: Mrs. Simon S. Lapham, Mrs. H. C. Bradley, Mrs. A. R. Williams, Mrs. Warren L. Mabrey, Mrs. Emmet C. Stopher, Mrs. James Fitts Hill, Mrs. Scott Wood.

State Presidents' Pin

Many state presidents have expressed a desire for a distinctive pin, and a committee from the State Presidents' Conference was appointed by the Board to work with General Secretary Dr. Bristow, in investigating and submitting designs for such a pin. The committee is composed of: Mrs. Beaumont W. Whitaker, Kentucky; Mrs. Albert L. Smith, Louisiana; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, Tennessee.

Auxiliary Field Workers

To meet the demand for National Congress field service in the states, a corps of auxiliary field workers will be engaged by the National Congress, whenever needed, this fall. It is expected that the auxiliary workers will be able to supply, in the regions in which they live, the heavy demands for field service during the season following the opening of school. The Executive Committee has arranged to have the following workers available for this service: Mrs. John E. Hayes, Idaho; Mrs. David W. Stewart, Michigan; Mrs. C. C. McDonald, Mississippi; Mrs. C. H. Turner, California; Mrs. Francis H. Blake, New York; Mrs. Walter H. Buhlig, Illinois; Mrs. E. G. Quamme, Minnesota; Mrs. Byron F. Field, New York; Mrs. H. W. Whitten, Illinois.

Congress Development Committee

The report to the Board of the study of the causes of mortality among local units made by the Congress Development Committee states: "Our greatest weakness and most pressing need lies in the quality of leadership which is responsible for more than 50% of the losses recorded. . . A definite program of training is a national and state responsibility. . . It is more to the credit of a state to hold its units or to reclaim lost ones than to add an equal number of new groups to its list. . . Approximately 21% of the returns show definite opposition or lack of cooperation from school authorities and teachers. . . This points the way toward the proposed study of the parent-teacher courses being given in teacher training institutions of various types, with a view to securing from educators an honest estimate of the value and soundness of their content and their place in any adequate system of teacher preparation." A summary of the reports received from the state branches emphasizes further: (1) need of consideration and encouragement of the very small unit; (2) expression of personal interest in delinquent dues . . . with stress on genuine desire for the contribution of the individual rather than the dues of the group; (3) need for the establishment of a feeling of responsibility to state and national organizations.

Goals

The Goals for parent-teacher associations set up by the Congress last year and which have been in experimental use have proved very satisfactory, the Goals Committee reported, and their recommendation that the Congress continue to use the Goals was approved by the Board.

Cooperation With Colored Congress

The Committee on Cooperation with the Congress of Colored Congress of Parents and Teachers reported some interesting cooperative activities in the southern states. Leadership training classes have been conducted at the request of the Colored Congress in several Negro colleges in the South. Numerous requests are received from colored associations for help in local work. Particularly fine cooperation has existed between the Alabama Congress and the colored groups in the work with Jeannes teachers. The committee expressed the opinion that "There is no greater service the National Congress can render than to the colored groups."

Texas Centennial

An invitation to the Texas Centennial Celebration at Dallas was presented to the National President by a Committee of the Texas Congress and the Centennial Commission.

Parent-Teacher Radio Forum

N.B.C.—WJZ Blue Network

Wednesday, 2:30-3:00 p. m., E.D.S.T.

Sponsored by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the University of Chicago, and the National Broadcasting Company

June 17

The Traffic Safety Education Project—
Marian Telford, Chairman of Safety, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Consultant on Child Safety and Director of Field Activities, Education Division, National Safety Council.

June 24

Vacation Activities and the City Park—
Dr. V. K. Brown, Director of Recreation, Chicago City Parks.

July 1

Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, President, National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

NOTE: Mimeographed copies of these radio talks, after delivery, may be secured from the National Office, price 5 cents each.

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Traffic Safety Education Project

Excellent progress on the Traffic Safety Education Project of the National Congress was reported by several states. More than a million and a half copies of a safety message from the National President to parent-teacher members have been requested by the state presidents for distribution to members; these are being mailed out as rapidly as possible.

A program leaflet for the use of local units will be off the press in June. (Publication was deferred a month in order to include the 1935 statistics of the National Safety Council and the 1936 revisions to the Standard Schoolboy Safety Patrol regulations.)

The Board authorized the National Safety Chairman to represent the Congress while working with school administrators on programs of safety and activities in the school.

(Note: A radio talk on the Traffic Safety Education Project, by Marian Telford, National Chairman of Safety, may be obtained from the National Office for 5 cents postage.)

N.E.A. and N.C.P.T. Joint Committee

Consideration of joint N.E.A.-N.C.P.T. relationships in the field of safety education was recommended to the National Board in a report of the joint committee of the National Education Association and the National Congress.

The problem of developing vital relationships with reference to the place of teachers in the National Congress was discussed and further study of this program was suggested at the St. Louis meeting.

A subcommittee appointed to evolve a philosophy of education for a highschool parent-teacher association recommended that the P.T.A. study youth and his environment to discover youth's problems and suggest ways of solving these problems. The committee suggested health, curriculum, economic, and social situations as matters for consideration in a program of cooperation for home and highschool.

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Home Economics and N.C.P.T. Joint Meeting

Mrs. B. F. Langworthy will preside at the open meeting sponsored by the Joint Committee for cooperation between the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the American Home Economics Association in Seattle, on Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p. m., at the Olympic Hotel, in connection with the Home Economics convention.

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We extend our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Paul H. Kelsey, President of the Massachusetts Congress, whose husband's death occurred in late May, and to Mrs. W. H. Hastings, Wisconsin Congress President, whose mother passed away May 29.

Mrs. E. C. Grice, New Jersey's first president (1900-1904), died in Philadelphia on Monday, May 11.

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The degree of Doctor of Education was conferred upon our General Secretary, William H. Bristow, by Teachers College, Columbia University, at the convocation, June 2.

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Magazine Program on Character

"Character Growth—a Home and School Responsibility" is the subject of the Parent-Teacher Program which will be published next year in the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine.* Monthly program outlines will be published on the following subjects: (1) Intelligence; (2) Honesty; (3) Friendliness; (4) Efficiency; (5) Forcefulness; (6) Cooperativeness; (7) Good Taste; (8) Appreciation.

N.C.P.T. MEMBERSHIP—1936

Alabama	33,654
Alaska	———
Arizona	7,780
Arkansas	28,411
California	217,761
Colorado	48,802
Connecticut	20,467
Delaware	5,679
District of Columbia	14,482
Florida	39,707
Georgia	38,181
Hawaii	12,395
Idaho	6,033
Illinois	123,261
Indiana	62,179
Iowa	42,219
Kansas	35,705
Kentucky	28,377
Louisiana	16,007
Maine	4,935
Maryland	3,723
Massachusetts	19,476
Michigan	64,239
Minnesota	41,769
Mississippi	11,438
Missouri	59,570
Montana	8,288
Nebraska	23,898
Nevada	564
New Hampshire	3,429
New Jersey	77,835
New Mexico	2,802
New York	96,025
North Carolina	57,504
North Dakota	10,619
Ohio	132,250
Oklahoma	19,183
Oregon	24,643
Pennsylvania	103,536
Rhode Island	8,929
South Carolina	8,373
South Dakota	11,003
Tennessee	41,506
Texas	100,667
Utah	7,156
Vermont	8,996
Virginia	30,226
Washington	41,720
West Virginia	43,137
Wisconsin	26,052
Wyoming	2,482
TOTAL	1,877,073

Parent-Teacher Section Meeting at N.E.A. Convention

"What is the Responsibility of Organized Parents to Youth" will be the topic of the Parent-Teacher Section meeting sponsored by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers at the convention of the National Education Association in Portland, Oregon, Monday, June 29, at 2 p. m., in the Library Hall of the Public Library, with Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, Winnetka, Illinois, National President, presiding.

Forty state presidents have designated an official representative of the state Congress of Parents and Teachers to attend this meeting.

P.T.A. COURSES AND CONFERENCES AT SUMMER SESSIONS

Conferences, institutes, and short courses in parent-teacher work, under the auspices of the state or National Congress of Parents and Teachers, or in which Congress representatives will participate, are offered at the summer sessions of a large number of colleges, universities, and teacher training institutions, among which are the following:

Date	*College*	*Conducted by*
June 8-12	Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburgh	Mrs. C. E. Roe
June 15-19	Kansas State College, Manhattan	Mrs. C. E. Roe
June 18-19	West Tennessee State Teachers College, Memphis	Alice Sowers
June 22-23	Austin Peay Normal School, Clarksville, Tenn.	Alice Sowers
June 22-26	University of Alabama, University	Mrs. C. E. Roe
June 24-25	Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, Murfreesboro	Alice Sowers
June 26-27	Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville	Alice Sowers
June 29-30	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Alice Sowers
June 29-July 5	Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee	Mrs. C. E. Roe
July 1- 2	East Tennessee State Teachers College, Johnson City	Alice Sowers
July 6- 7	University of Tennessee Junior College, Martin	Alice Sowers
July 6-11	University of Florida, Gainesville	Mrs. C. E. Roe
July 8-10	Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.	Dr. William H. Bristow
July 13-17	University of Georgia	Mrs. A. H. Reeve
July 13-17	University of New Hampshire, Durham	Frances S. Hays
July 13-17	University of West Virginia, Marshall	Mrs. C. E. Roe
July 13-17	University of Maryland, College Park	
July 20-25	Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va.	Mrs. C. E. Roe
July 27-31	Yale University, New Haven, Conn.	Frances S. Hays
August 3- 7	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Mrs. C. E. Roe
August 4- 6	Connecticut State College, Storrs	Frances S. Hays
August 11-13	Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Mich.	Mrs. A. H. Reeve

Professor E. L. Fox, of Randolph-Macon College, will conduct a six-weeks' course in parent-teacher work at the University of Virginia.

Dr. William H. Bristow will speak at the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, July 13-15.

The National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers will hold its annual convention at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, July 26 to 29. "Character Building through Parent-Teacher Associations" is the theme of the meeting.

"Consumer Beware," a dramatization of the Congressional hearings on the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Bill S. 5, by Mrs. Frederick Dewitt Shelton, may be obtained from the Y. W. C. A. Woman's Press, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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